

Important Dates for your diary

Church's Offerings and Weekly Gift Aid envelopes:

There are several ways in which you can continue to do this. The easiest would be:

1. to bring into the presbytery and give to sisters.
2. Post a cheque payable to St Elizabeth's Parish.

St Elizabeth's New Hall Fund Box: These Boxes are now ready for you to collect from the Church or office (Presbytery). They are like the RED Boxes where you put in any remaining change or (Coin) and return it to the Church whenever possible. It's for our New Hall

Saturday 9th May 2020 in the afternoon: Parish Harambee (Fundraising event) **Postponed till Autumn term (actual date to be communicated).**

Sunday 17th May at 9:00am: First Holy Communion Mass for children from Good Shepherd RC primary school. Please remember them in your prayers. **Due to the Corona Virus (Covid-19) pandemic, this date has to be reviewed.**

Sunday 7th June at 11:15am: First Holy Communion Mass for children prepared by Parish's Catechists in the parish. Please remember them in your prayers. **Due to the Corona Virus (Covid-19) pandemic, this date has to be reviewed.**

Sunday 14th June at 9:00am: First Holy Communion Mass for children from St. Elizabeth's RC primary school. Please remember them in your prayers. **Due to the Corona Virus (Covid-19) pandemic, this date has to be reviewed.**

Friday 31st July Sponsorship Walk: The Snowdon Mount climb is still on. When the time comes, please remember to sponsor Fr Moses, Bob and the group to climb **Mount Snowdon** part of our continuous Fundraising for our new parish community hall. I know many of you want to join, please speak to Bob.

Death Anniversaries this Week:

Keith Fretter, Edward Maher, John Noel Checkley, Baby Melvin Ndonga, Charles Bell, John McGinnity, Ann Best, Dawn Wardale, Marie (Mary) Lamb, Myles McHugh, Violet Rose Ford, Patrick James Boyle, Charles Hollyoak, John Wesley Armstron, Kathleen Doyle, Ben Unis, Noel Fred Brolly and Antanas Linkevicius

May their Souls Rest in Eternal Peace

This Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: **Registered Charity No: 234216**

CHURCH LIVE WEBCAM LOGIN: www.mcnmedia.tv



Apostles of Jesus Serves:

St. Osburg's

St. Mary's

St. Elizabeth's

St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church

Parish Priest: Rev Moses Pitya David. AJ.

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**Forty days
of Lent**

prayer • penance • pilgrimage



Parish Schools (Heads)

St. Elizabeth's

Mr Michael Doyle

Good Shepherd

Mr Andy McConville

Parish Church

Parish Co-ordinators:

Parish Office

Sr Joan Wafala

Parish Maintenance Leader

Joe McCadden

First Holy Communions

Mrs S Moran & Sr Olivia

Confirmations & RCIA

Miss A Harkin & Sr Olivia

Church Flowers

Children's Liturgy and

Parish Hall Booking

Mr Richard Swift

Safeguarding Officer

Miss Laura Srodon (Solicitor)

Church Music/Liturgy

Miss Laura Srodon

Gift Aid Scheme

Mr Stan Milewski

Chair of Parish Finance

Mr Tony Ashby

Sacristan

Miss Ann Harkin & Sr Joan

Altar Servers

Sr Joan and Alaysa Embate

CAFOD/SVP

Mr Kevin Vaughan

Justice and Peace:

Red Boxes

Mr Bob Ayliffe

4th Sunday of Lent Yr. A

Out of Darkness

The fourth Sunday of Lent in cycle A, gives the second gospel reading from St John in as many weeks. Last week we read about the woman at the well. Next week is about the raising of Lazarus from the dead. But this week we have Jesus healing the man born blind. The story opens with the disciples – asking Jesus – *'Whose fault is it?'* that the man is blind. But Jesus rejects such attribution - It is not that bad things happen to bad people. Such thinking, which infects many religious and non-religious people, is not new in our day. Jesus is far removed from any 'prosperity gospel' (*Good things happen to those who are good*), as it might be understood today. Unfortunately, there are several on social media today, spreading wrong information about COVID -19 including Christian's Fanatics – with their false prophecy. We need to listen more to Jesus, especially in this difficult time. He comes to us with his healing power and touch. The blind man wanted to be healed and asked Jesus for healing. After his healing, those who knew him could not believe their own eyes! Indeed, they said it was not the same person. Only when the man who was formerly blind says that he is one and the same do the onlookers ask how this happened. This puzzled the Pharisees, who viewed Jesus as a sinner because he did not keep the sabbath. Yet how could a sinner make the blind see? The story continues unfolding, as those who are considered learned deny straightforward evidence that is presented to them. We may, perhaps, ask, how often do we reject plain evidence because it does not reconcile with what we 'know' to be true? It is difficult to change one's mind, especially if that means changing many other attitudes and thoughts as well. In today's gospel story, as in so many, Jesus takes the initiative. He creates cognitive dissonance in the minds and hearts of many, demanding that they make a decision for or against him. When do we face such encounters with Christ? What is our response? Do we deny what everyone can plainly see? Or do we undergo a change and enter into a new life with Christ?

Mass Times and Mass Intentions 4th Week of Lent Time Year A

Sunday 22nd March	10:30am	Mary Hynes R.I.P. (About 30 minutes only) Church Door will be closed	On High Altar
Mon. 23rd	Anytime	Mr. Muldoon R.I.P.	At the Presbytery
Wed. 25th	9:00am	Mr. Muldoon R.I.P.	On High Altar
Thur. 26th	Anytime	Lena, George & John Harkin R.I.P.	At the Presbytery
Fri. 27th	6:30pm	Michael & Margaret Doherty R.I.P.	On High Altar
Sat. 28th	Anytime	People of the Parish	At the Presbytery
Sunday 29th March	10:30am	Deceased members of the Srodon Family R.I.P. (About 30 minutes only) Church Door will be closed	On High Altar

Important Parish Website Links

Corona Virus (COVID-19) Updates: <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/category/latest-updates/>

Parish Newsletters: <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/newsletters/>

CHURCH LIVE WEBCAM LOGIN: www.mcnmedia.tv

Search for West Midland and scroll to ST ELIZABETH CHURCH - Coventry

Archdiocese of Birmingham: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

Church Cleaning Team: A
(Thursday Morning 9:30am)
Mrs Maureen Ryan, Lorna
and Mrs Pat Stonach

Weekly Offertory and Collections

Gift Aid Scheme:	£338.00
Non Gift Aid Scheme:	£176.96
Youth Service	£42.44
Over all Total raised in 2020:	£1,862.24

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Parish Notices

Liturgical Advice: Bishops of England and Wales in the light of the COVID-19 Pandemic 18th March 2020

This advice will be reviewed and developed as necessary weekly

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, agreed that the cessation of public liturgies should begin from Friday evening 20th March 2020. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, **the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice.**

The following instruction is now given: Celebrations of Holy Mass (parish priest and assistant priests) who hold parochial office should continue to celebrate Mass in a church within their parish without the faithful on a daily basis.

The continuing celebration of Mass ensures that the faithful can join in spiritual communion with the priests of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states (1364): *As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out.*

Information about the live-streaming of the celebration of Mass will be made widely available in our dioceses so that the faithful can participate in the prayers of the priest at Mass at home. A fine example of this is from The National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will continue its full liturgical programme and this will be available to all via the Internet (www.walsingham.org.uk) or St Elizabeth's Church **WEBCAM** is also available via <https://stelizabethcoventry.org.uk/newsletters/>.

Fr Moses will be celebrating Mass daily - especially on Wednesday 9.00am, Friday 6:30pm and Sunday 10:30am on main Altar for you to join in from home. The **Church Door will be closed 20 minutes** before the Mass starts and during the celebration of these Masses for anyone to follow on **Church's WEBCAM**, and open again after for your personal prayer.

Holy Hour and Confessions

Do you want Confessions?: If you want to do your Confessions please call to the Presbytery 024 76 68 85 36 and ask to arrange for a convenient time with Fr Moses for confession.



Adoration: This is an opportune time for more personal prayers in Church, before the Blessed Sacrament. There will be no exposition during this time, but the Church will be open everyday. **SILENCE !**



Please pray for The Sick and Housebound of our Parish:

Caroline Dickinson, Dina Kuczynski, Mary Kean, Mary Gallagher, Teresa Doyle, Rohith De Silva, Joe Shannon, Julian and Veronica Dixon. **Get Well Soon.**